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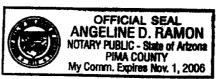
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- I, Charles W. Wiese, General Manager of Tohono O'odham Utility Authority (the "Company") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:
 - 1. I am the General Manager of the Company;
 - 2. The Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state;
 - 3. The Company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153 (37);
 - 4. The Company is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission; and
 - 5. The Company will utilize its USF disbursements received in 2005 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which it is intended.

Signature:	and while		9-28-04	
Print Name: C	harles W. Wi	es e		
Title: <u>Ge</u>	neral Manage	<u>^</u>		
State of ARI	ZONA	, County of	PIMA	
BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Arizona, on this day personally appeared <u>Charles N Niese</u> , known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.				
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of September, 2004.				
My Commission expires				
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554 SEP 2 9 2004

Federal Communications Commission Office of Secretary

Re:

CC Docket No. 96-45

Section 254(e) Self-Certification of Tohono O'odham Utility Authority

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached hereto is a sworn affidavit of Charles W. Wiese, certifying that Tohono O'odham Utility Authority (the "Company") is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254(e) and the requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, 16 FCC Rcd 11244 (2001) (the "Order") and codified at 47 C.F.R. §54.314. Because the Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a State, the Company makes this certification directly to the FCC as provided for in paragraph 189 of the Order and 47 C.F.R. §54.314(b).

A copy of this Certification is also being filed this day with the Universal Service Administration Company at its Washington, D.C., offices.

Please acknowledge receipt on the duplicate "stamp and return" document attached for this purpose. All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned.

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Sincerely,

Charles W. Wiese

General Manager

cc: Ms. Irene Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company